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December 3, 1965

Dr. Robert F. Thorne
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 North College Ave.
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Thorne:

Here are a couple of pretty good specimens, for a change.

No. 1 - from Ripon, San Joaquin Co.: "Enclosed is leaf and flower of a plant we bought in the spring of 1964. It was purchased in a supermarket and we were told it was a Japanese Shrimp Plant. Soon afterward we discovered it was not the plant by that name, but we do enjoy it. When purchased it was about 30 inches tall and had the beautiful apricot-colored flowers. The plant did not go dormant last winter as we expected the maple-type plant or shrub to do. Instead it continued to grow and now is about 6 feet high. It bloomed all summer and is still doing so. It gets afternoon sun. We have never seen a similar plant and have been unable to find out just what it is - tree or shrub. Could you tell us what it is and how to propagate, as we would like to have more of them?"

No. 2 - from Rosamond, Kern Co.: "Kindly identify enclosed seeds. The plant came up in our yard. I thought it was Queen Ann's Lace at first, but blossoms were yellow. I think it's some kind of herb." (Wild guess - Wild parsnip????? mm.)

No. 2 was a little on the moldy side when it arrived - hope it's not too far gone when you receive it.

Your identifications are always a tremendous help to us, and the replies make good reading on the query page.

Sincerely,

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